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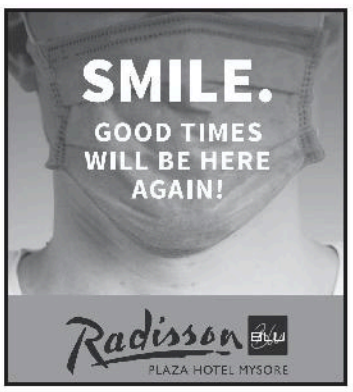

COVID hits 4,520 children in Mysuru since first wave

Children between the age group of 0 and 10 years

- 2,999 kids test positive from April to June 12 (second wave)
- 1,521 infected from March 2020 to March 2021 (first wave)

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 16- The recent surge in COVID-19 cases and with children being equally affected, parents are worried about a possible third wave and how it will impact their kids.

Similar to older adults, children also experience various symptoms and some of them are highly common and prevalent in all age groups including fever, runny nose, fatigue, sore throat and cough.

From March 2020 till June 12, 2021, 4,520 children from the age group of 0 to 10 years have been hit by COVID pandemic in Mysuru and ever since the second wave began from April, there

has been a marked increase in the number of young ones getting infected. 2,999 kids from the age group of 0 to 10 years have been infected from April 2021 to June 12 (second wave) and 1,521 children (0 and 10) were infected in the first wave.

This alarming trend sends out warning signals that children need to be protected from the risk of third wave. As per the data available with Star of Mysore, from March 2020 to February 2021, 628 children between the age group of 0 to 5 years were infected along with 852 children in the age group of 6 to 10. 3,841 children in the age group of 11 to 20 were affected during the same period.

In March 2021, 10 children in the age group of 0 to 5 years were infected in Mysuru and 31 were in the age group of 6 to 10. 313 children between the age group of 11 and 20 were also affected. In April this year, when the second wave started, 251 children in the age group of 0 to 5 years, 320 in the age group of 6 to 10 and 2,036 children in the age group of 11 to 20 were affected.

In May this year, 707 children between the age group of 0 and 5, 1,224 in the age group of 6 to 10 and 5,714 in the age group of 11 to 20 tested positive for the virus. As on June 12 this year, 170 children were affected by the virus between the age group if 0 and 5, 327 tested positive in the age group of 6 to 10 and 1,406 between the age group of 11 and 20 tested positive. *(See table.)*

(See CHILDREN on page 7)

Children testing positive

Month	0 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	11 to 20 years
March 2020 to February 2021	628	852	3,841
March 2021	10	31	313
April 2021	251	320	2,036
May 2021	707	1,224	5,714
As on June 12, 2021	170	327	1,406
Total	**1,766**	**2,754**	**13,310**

Mounting death rate causes concern

Delay in reporting mechanism is cause for many deaths, says District Surveillance Officer

Mysuru, June 16 (BCT)- The mounting Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in Mysuru at a time when the positivity rate is declining rapidly is a big cause for concern as the number of patients succumbing to COVID-19 infection has gone up with 286 deaths reported in a span of 15 days, from June 1.

As per the media bulletin released by the District Administration yesterday, till now, 1,910 persons have lost their lives in the pandemic. The War Room report says that from May 1, 2021 to May 31, Mysuru reported 420 deaths and from April 1 till April 30 this year, 151 deaths have been reported. That means, the death numbers have increased from May this year and from June 1 till June 15, 286 deaths have been reported.

From June 1 to June 12, Mysuru was reporting an average death rate of 15 to 22 persons per day and from June 13, the district has been reporting 25 deaths per day and yesterday, 26 deaths were reported.

An ambulance carrying a dead body in front of at Jodi Thenginamara Burial Grounds this morning.

Till now, 11 Black Fungus (mucormycosis) deaths have been reported, says the War Room data.

Technical reasons: Explaining the reasons of climbing mortality rate, the District Administration has, however, placed some technical reasons.

According to a press release by District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad, death rate has increased as the data of deaths of patients in home isolation and of the patients who have been discharged from the hospitals was not immediately available. The details are available only after 10 days when the triage team members take information from the families, he stated.

Secondly, when a patient dies at home, it is reported in the 'community death audit' and there will be a delay in information collection.

Thirdly, according to Dr. Shivaprasad, a few private hospitals submit the daily death figures only once in a week to the District Surveillance Office and as such, the death numbers are high now.

(See DEATH on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 16th June 2021

Four-day virtual cultural event from June 19

Mysuru, June 16- Swaranjali Delhi, in association with Dhruv Bose Foundation, has organised 'Shraddhanjali,' a four-day virtual cultural programme in memory of late Dhruv Bose, from June 19 to 23 at 7 pm daily.

Rajeev Taranath

The event, which is dedicated to all gurus, performers, artistes, art critics and art lovers whom we lost during this Corona pandemic time, will be premièred on YouTube and Facebook page of Swaranjali. Artistes around the world will contribute their performance for this event along with a few video messages from our maestros, gurus and others.

As part of the series, Pt. Rajeev Taranath, Sarod maestro from Mysuru, will perform on June 19.

"This COVID-19 virus has had irreplaceable damage across the world in every respect of life. In the music industry, we have had a huge impact. We lost stalwarts like Pt. Jasraj, S.P. Balasubrahmanyam, Pt. Rajan Mishra, Saroj Khan, Sajid Ali, Pt. Debu Choudhry and many more. Their contribution in the music, dance and fine arts field will be remembered throughout. The human resource we lost can never be compensated in a lifetime period. Their talent will take another 50-60 years to reborn that too if at all the same talent takes a birth. Our heartfelt tribute to the great souls of India who left us for their heavenly abode leaving us the inspirational path of life towards music as music is the elixir of life. While we are fighting with Corona, music is playing a great role in keeping our mental health stress free, stable, calm and motivated," said Pt. Sitarist Subrata De, Founder of Swaranjali.

For details, contact Shilpa Mitra on Mob: 99038-13988 or 85850-73660.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

During this COVID-19 pandemic, two kinds of power have come into play in India — the love of power and the power of love. The motivation underlying these two is vastly different — is it all about ourselves, or is it all about others? The first is demonstrated by all those profiteering from this horrendous situation and the second exemplified by the frontline workers, committed civil servants, those extending humanitarian assistance and bringing solace to the sick and the dying. What we do all depends on the way we look at life. Saint Teresa of Kolkata was once asked about assisting in the creation of a grandiose hospital that would be named after her. She was asked to think about all the lives that the hospital could help and how all who entered would see her name. Without missing a beat, she replied: "God did not call me to minister to the millions but to minister to the one in front of me." She believed in living her life one day at a time because we have the power to change the world only one life at a time.

The power of love can save not only lives but transform them. This is true not only of human beings but also of human beings in relationship with animals. A 'Bright Side' story talks about a man who observed an eight-year-old girl in a store. She was talking to a dog, petting it and smiling. Her parents were standing at one side looking happy. This onlooker later learnt that their daughter was autistic and that it was the first time they'd heard her talk using full sentences. The French Jesuit, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once said: "Someday after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love and then for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." Let us pray, look forward to and move towards this day."

—Janina Gomes in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thief arrested on his birthday gets party from Police

Rio: A Brazilian young man recently got a rather humiliating birthday party thrown for him by police after being arrested for theft right on the day that he turned 18.

Paulo Rodrigo das Neves, from Brazil's Rio Grande do Norte region, was arrested on his birthday after being caught on camera stealing sound equipment and other parts from people's cars.

The birthday boy got to enjoy a humiliating celebration at the Police Station, with staff there singing him "Happy Birthday" and even serving cake and soda in his honour. To make matters worse, the whole thing was filmed and posted online.

After the video of the bizarre celebration went viral on social networks, Brazil's Military Police issued a statement informing the public that it would conduct an investigation, and threatened disciplinary action against the police staff who participated in the shameful display.

Fit 90-year-old fitness instructor

Tokyo: When most 90-year-olds find difficulty in walking, let alone exercise, 90-year-old Takishima Mika not only walks but also conducts daily fitness regimens religiously. She actually works as a fitness instructor at a gym.

Takishima Mika, aka "Takimika", is a proof that 'age is only a number.' The sprightly pensioner, who turned 90 on Jan. 15, is more active than most 20-year-olds and probably fitter too. She is Japan's oldest fitness instructor and has become somewhat of a minor celebrity in the Asian country, both because of her excellent physical shape, and her positive attitude and infectious smile. But Takimika wasn't always like that. In fact, her transformation began late in life, when she was already in her 60s.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Get tested for diabetic retinopathy. In this condition tiny blood vessels leak fluid into the retina due to high blood glucose. It can lead to vision loss if left untreated. It is advised to get a regular eye checkup for the diabetic patients for the early identification and Management.

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 14	JUNE 15
Day's Positive Cases	670	490
Total Positive Cases	1,58,466	1,58,956
Day's Discharges	2,061	1,438
Total Discharges	1,45,479	1,46,917
Day's Deaths	25	26
Total Deaths	1,884	1,910
Total Active Cases	11,103	10,129

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

CET: July 10 is last date for registration

Bengaluru, June 16- The last date for registration of students for CET (Common Entrance Test)-2021 is July 10.

The CET is meant for admission to Bachelor Degree professional courses (barring Medical and Dental courses) such as Engineering,Technology, Yoga, Naturopathy, B.Pharma, Second year of B.Pharma, Pharma-D, Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary Sciences etc., in colleges of Karnataka.

The CET, which is conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), is scheduled to take place on Aug. 28 and 29.

KEA said that the admission to Medical, Dental, Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy courses will be only through NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test).

Likewise, the admission for Architecture course will be through NATA-2021 to be conducted by Council of Architecture or JEE-2 OF 2021.

For details, UGCET-2021 prospectus can be downloaded from the KEA website: *http://kea.kar.nic.in*

REALLY...?

- ***Cooking is the art, science, and discipline of preparing and presenting food.***
- ***Humans started cooking 1.8-2.3 million years ago.***
- ***Chopsticks were initially created for cooking, not as an eating utensil.***
- ***There are about 9,41,600 chefs around the world.***
- ***The Michelin Star is considered the highest international culinary award.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A priest was talking to kids about peer pressure. He told them that at school they could be pressured into becoming bullies, or in a store they might be dared to steal something, both of which were bad. Then he asked, *"What other pressures you might have?"* ***One little girl responded,*** *"Blood Pressure."*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.28
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.24
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.55
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.88

VOICE OF THE READER

New income tax e-filing portal: Make it simple

Sir,

This morning I made an attempt to access the Income Tax e-filing portal and I observed that the process is not simple as made out to be! On logging in, one is asked to update one's profile. On updating, it points to discrepancy in profile updated and the data available in the PAN database.

This follows with a link to the NSDL site for updation of personal information such as corrections in PAN data. This process does not reach completion as it conveys that one has to tick the consent message, which is found impossible to locate.

Most of the PAN data remains the same except for changes in address, telephone numbers and employer as the case may be! Since the PAN number is indicated, most of the available information such as name, date of birth can be filled automatically, allowing for corrections in the fields desired by the PAN holder.

Fundamental problem is that one cannot access any details from one's account without this update process.

Can it be hoped that the concerned will look into this and any other glitches that may be observed by other members?

—P.S. Kulashekhar
T.K. Layout
14.6.2021

Pancreas and kidney transplant patient delivers baby boy at Apollo

Mysuru, June 16 (KS)- For the first time in Apollo Group of Hospitals, a Simultaneous Pancreas and Kidney Transplant (SPKT) patient delivered a baby boy at Apollo BGS Hospitals in city on June 12.

The patient, 35-year-old Mekhala, a juvenile diabetic and with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) undergoing dialysis, her only priority was to have a healthy life without any complications. It was only with the hope and support from the Nephrologist, Transplant Surgeon and the Gynaecologist, that she delivered a healthy baby boy of 2.5 kgs on Saturday.

The team of doctors with the happy mother.

This is the first case in India where a patient after a SPKT has been able to conceive naturally and deliver a healthy baby while establishing the fact that SPKT can restore fertility in patients with diabetes and end-stage renal disease, and as such, successful pregnancy outcome can be achieved.

Dr. Suresh Raghavaiah, Consultant - Transplant Surgeon, said: "We had to alter the medications to support this pregnancy while at the same time prevent the organ rejection which started three months before the pregnancy. Once receiving the double organ transplants, we put both the baby and organs at risk, so this needed a lot of planning and treatment by the integrated multidisciplinary team including the transplant team, nephrologist, endocrinologist and obstetrician who trouble-shooted all the problems during the course of treatment and delivery."

Performing the caesarean section, **Dr. B.P. Anjali,** Consultant Gynaecologist, said: "It was a closely monitored case and an uncomplicated pregnancy reaching 40 weeks full term, which is rare in post-transplant patients. As the baby developed distress, we had to perform a C-section. Both mother and baby are healthy and doing good."

N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, informing about the case, said: "We are extremely thrilled with the successful outcome of this pregnancy which is first of its kind in the country and in the Apollo group of hospitals. There is barely any awareness about the Simultaneous Pancreas - Kidney Transplant (SPKT) in this region and it is important to educate the patients about SPKT which can be life saving for many. We are the only licensed Organ Transplant Centre (OTC) in this region and Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, offers state-of-the-art technology with the comprehensive healthcare services. We encourage more patients and organ donors to come forward and register for organ transplants."

Chief Minister to decide on Unlock 2.0 this evening

Bengaluru, June 16- Even as State BJP In-charge Arun Singh is scheduled to arrive in the State capital this evening in a bid to end the leadership row once and for all, amidst the reported demand for a change of guard by a section of the party, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said that the Government will take a decision on Unlock 2.0 in districts which have less number of cases, later in the evening today (June 16).

B.S. Yediyurappa

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Yediyurappa said that with Corona cases coming down gradually by the day, the Government will decide on details about Unlock 2.0 that will come to effect after the lockdown relaxations in the first phase ends on June 21.

Pointing out that the Government is working out plans for Unlock 2.0, he said that the first priority of the Government is to bring the deadly pandemic under complete control in the entire State.

Noting that the Government will consider phased unlocking in high caseload districts if the number of cases show a steady decline, Yediyurappa said that it is satisfactory to note that the number of cases as well as fatality rate has come down sharply in the State.

Replying to a question on the demand by disgruntled Legislators for the arrival of another observer along with State BJP in-charge Arun Singh, the Chief Minister said that any leader of the party can meet him when he arrives in Bengaluru for a three-day visit of the State on Wednesday evening.

Asserting that there is no confusion over leadership issue, he said that the party is united and he would continue to be the CM for the next two years.

Phone-in prog. on June 26

Mysuru, June 16- A direct phone-in programme to redress the grievances of the public, related to the activities and programmes of Department of Women and Child Development, will be held on June 26 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

District Deputy Director of the Department K. Padma will be participating in this phone-in programme.

Public are requested to dial Ph: 0821-2495432 to air the complaints, according to a press release from the Department.

Covishield dosage interval extended based on science

New Delhi, June 16 (Agencies)- The decision regarding enhancing interval between two doses of Covishield was based on scientific evidence and taken in a transparent manner, National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) Chairman N.K. Arora said yesterday.

There was no dissenting voice among the members of the NTAGI, he said, according to a tweet by the Union Health Ministry. The Government had on May 13 said it has accepted the COVID-19 Working Group's recommendation and extended the gap between the two doses of the Covishield vaccine from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks.

"Based on the available real-life evidence, particularly from the UK, the COVID-19 Working Group agreed for increasing the dosing interval to 12-16 weeks between two doses of Covishield vaccine. No change in the interval of Covaxin vaccine doses was recommended," the Ministry had said in a statement.

"The recommendation of the COVID-19 Working Group was accepted by the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC), headed by Dr. V K Paul, Member (Health), Niti Aayog, in its meeting on May 12, 2021," the Ministry said.

It has accepted this recommendation of the COVID-19 Working Group of extension of the gap between the first and second doses of Covishield to 12-16 weeks, the Health Ministry added.

Explaining the reason behind the extension, V.K. Paul had said at a press conference that it was a science-based decision taken on the recommendations of the NTAGI. He said as per studies, initially, the interval between two doses of Covishield was four to six weeks but then as more data became available secondary analysis showed increasing the dosage interval to 4 to 8 weeks can have some advantage.

Paul said the UK by that time had already extended it to 12 weeks and WHO also had said the same, but many nations still did not change the dosage pattern. "At that time, our science-based technical committee anchored by ICMR along with DBT by looking at the available data felt breakthrough infections may increase if the gap is increased (to 12 weeks)."

So in good faith, based on their capability, without any pressures, they increased the dosage interval to 4 to 8 weeks. The issue was reviewed periodically again and again. "Now based on the available real-life evidence, particularly from the UK, the decision to extend it from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks has been taken with confidence that there will not be an extra risk. This is a dynamic decision and part of periodic review," Paul had said.

Underlining that NTAGI is a Standing Committee that was constituted much before COVID-19 had emerged and works on immunisation for children, Paul had said, "It looks at scientific data and we must respect the decision of this institution. They make independent decisions. Have faith in our scientific processes. NTGAI is a group of individuals of high integrity."

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0821 - 2957711

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94498 - 41195
94498 - 41196
0821 - 2418800

Telecare
2420112/113
0821 - 2330803
0821 - 2331803

MANDYA
08232 - 224248

District War Room
08232 - 229393

Maddur Taluk
08232 - 232010

Malavalli Taluk
08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

Pandavapura Taluk
08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
08272 - 220606

District Helpline
08272 - 221077

Madikeri
08272 - 228396

Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328

Somarpet
08276 - 282045

CH'NAGAR
95386-74839
1077

Kollegal Taluk
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Gundlupet Taluk
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A COVID Care Centre that stands apart

The 100-bed CCC is operational since June 1 at Farooqia D.Ed College in Udayagiri

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, June 16- Farooqia COVID Care Centre (CCC) set up at Udayagiri in city stands apart from other CCCs on multiple counts.

This 100-bed CCC, which became operational from June 1, has been set up at Farooqia D.Ed College in Udaygiri in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), MMA Hospital and other few public bodies and institutions.

The Centre is now providing treatment for COVID-infected inpatients along with free scanning facility and 24-hour ambulance service is available here for patients. On an average, over 10 COVID patients visit the facility for treatment every day. The centre has 27 oxygenated beds with separate wards for men, women, physically disabled persons and senior citizens. So far, 60 patients have been admitted to this CCC and over 30 patients have recovered and have been discharged. This well-equipped Care Centre also has a separate registration counter and parking facility.

Five doctors, nine nurses and over 25 volunteers are working in this centre in three shifts. The Centre has been divided into three Zones — Red Zone for providing treatment to infected patients while Orange Zone is reserved for medical and nursing staff members and Green Zone for patient registration, food distribution and store room.

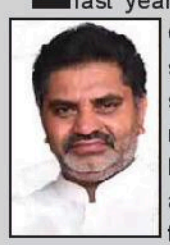
Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food is being provided to all inpatients, three times a day. The Centre is also providing free medications and also carrying out blood test and CT scan for inpatients, all for free of cost.

The Centre, which has a team of well-trained medical experts, is managed under the guidance of former Mayor Ayub Khan.

MMA Hospital, Jamaat-e-Islami, MSF and other organisations as well as a host of individuals including former Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, Corporators Arif Hussain, Sawood Khan, Hasrathulla and others have also joined hands to support this noble endeavour.

Here, Corona-infected patients are getting treatment 24x7. Due to safety concerns, we have divided the Centre into three Zones. Medical staff as well as volunteers are working hard to serve these patients.

—Dr. Farookh Imran,
Nodal Officer,
Farooqia COVID Care Centre



Even during the COVID first wave last year, we had established a COVID Care Centre at the same venue. During this second wave, we have more facilities here than last year. Infected patients are responding very well to the treatment here at Farooqia COVID Care Centre.

—Ayub Khan,
Former Mayor

An outside view of Farooqia COVID Care Centre.

Inside view of Farooqia COVID Care Centre.

IEC team convinces tribals to get jabs

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 16- Despite reports that tribals and a significant rural population are displaying vaccine hesitancy and opposing COVID tests, the IEC (Information, Education, Communication) team of the Health and Family Welfare Department has succeeded in convincing them to get jabs for their own health, safety and well-being.

Most of the tribal and rural population were scary of tests and subsequent hospitalisation and also had misconception about vaccine. But the IEC team which visited several villages and tribal hamlets in the district, succeeded in convincing the tribals and villagers for getting tested and vaccinated.

Earlier, the tribals and villagers had rejected all assurances by ASHA workers and other Health workers on the necessity of getting tested and vaccinated.

Following reports and complaints by the Health authorities on vaccine hesitancy among tribals in some hamlets of Hunsur, Periyapatna, Nanjangud and H.D. Kote taluks, the District Health Education Officer M. Muneendramma formed the IEC team and asked it to visit all villages and tribal hamlets which displayed vaccine hesitancy.

Accordingly, the team, with Padmavathi as the Convenor, visited such villages, including Naganahalli, Hanchya, Rammanahalli, Doora, Udbur and M.C. Hundi in Mysuru taluk, Hura, Kasuvinahalli and Hediyala in Nanjangud taluk, Talakad and Mahadevapura in T. Narasipur taluk as well as several tribal hamlets in Hunsur, Periyapatna, Nanjangud and H.D. Kote taluks and succeeded in convincing the residents to get tested and vaccinated. After being convinced, the tribals and villagers are now coming forward to undergo COVID tests and receive jabs.

Muneendramma told *Star of Mysore* that villagers and tribals had developed hesitancy due to misconception about COVID tests and vaccine.

Upon learning about the reluctance of villagers, the IEC team visited villages and tribal hamlets and spoke to village heads on the necessity of undergoing tests and receiving jabs, she pointed out.

Maintaining that convincing the villagers was a big challenge in the beginning, she said that the IEC team has succeeded in its job after much explanation and sensitisation. The team will continue its work of visiting villages and educating people on health check-ups, she added.

UoM fake answer sheet racket case

CCB Police arrest two students

Hunt on to trace prime accused

Mysuru, June 16 (RK&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, on Monday evening, have arrested two students, who are involved in the University of Mysore (UoM) B.Sc Chemistry answer paper racket and have launched a hunt to nab prime accused Mohammed Nisar, who is absconding.

The arrested are Chandan and Chethan. They were interrogated by the investigating team and were produced before a Court yesterday evening. The Court has remanded the two students to judicial custody.

During interrogation, the Cops came to know that Chandan and Chethan were first year B.Sc students and as they were unable to pass the Chemistry subject since two years, they had approached Nisar. Through Nisar, the students prepared fake answer papers, which was to be attached to the original answer papers that were stored in the University. The students had also agreed to pay Nisar only after they pass in that particular subject. The CCB also came to know that all those who were involved in the racket were to get a share in the money.

As soon as Nisar got information about the case being registered, he went absconding and has also switched off his mobile phone. While the Police have spread the dragnet to nab Nisar based on the clue that Nisar was hiding in the outskirts of Bengaluru, the internal committee team of the University of Mysore, led by Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. Jnanaprakash, has issued notices to all the accused to appear before it for enquiry on June 22 besides filing a complaint at the jurisdictional Lakshmipuram Police Station.

Police sources said that prime accused Mohammed Nisar is likely to be nabbed by today (June 16) evening and only then it would be known about the involvement of others.

Farmers and Trade Union leaders submit memorandums to DC seeking relief

Mysuru, June 16 (PM&DM)- Accusing a couple of private enterprises at Kochanahalli in the taluk of cheating farmers who had parted with their land, a delegation of farmer leaders and Trade Union leaders submitted memorandums to Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham at the DC's office here yesterday, seeking appropriate compensation and reinstatement of sacked employees of a Nanjangud Industrial Unit.

Maintaining that these enterprises had purchased 400 acres of land from over 200 farmers of Kochanahalli for the construction of a Golf course, by paying a compensation of Rs. 1.25 lakh per acre and also assuring job to one of the family members, the leaders alleged that after dropping Golf course plans citing infeasibility, the partners of the enterprises were selling the same land to KIADB at a whopping Rs. 47.5 lakh per acre.

Urging the Government to ensure that the enterprises which had purchased the land pay appropriate compensation to farmers or else return the land to the original owners, they demanded action against those who had made false promises to farmers.

Alleging that a major private company in Nanjangud had sacked 72 employees for silly reasons, the leaders demanded that the sacked employees be reinstated at the earliest.

Contending that the families of the sacked employees are on an indefinite strike for the past three-and-a-half months, they urged the authorities to render justice to them.

KRRS leader Hoskote Basavaraju, farmer leader Prasanna N. Gowda, Trade Union leaders Chandrashekar Meti and G. Mahesh, Swaraj India leader Ugranarasimhegowda, Kochanahlli farmers Govindaraju, Devanna and others were present.

Socialism marries Mamata Banerjee in presence of Marxism and Leninism!

A.M. Socialism and Mamata Banerjee

Salem, June 16 (Agencies)- When parents choose names that are rare and symbolic, children become famous. On Sunday, June 13, Socialism tied the knot with Mamata Banerjee and the marriage was solemnised at Amani Kondalampatti area in Kattur, Salem.

The groom A.M. Socialism is the son of K.A. Mohan, a Communist Party of India (CPI) leader who hails from a traditional communist family while the bride is from a Congress family and daughter of K. Palaniswami and P. Neelambal couple. Communism and Leninism are the brothers of Socialism and his nephew is Marxism. Both the groom's family and the bride's family are closely related.

Mohan, 52, who is the Villupuram District Secretary of the CPI, had contested the 2016 Assembly elections as a candidate of the People's Welfare Alliance.

Mohan told reporters: "When Communism took a turn for the worse in Soviet Union people used to rebuke us and then I decided even before my marriage that I would name my children that reflect the ideology and named my children Communism, Socialism, and Leninism. My grandson is Marxism."

Socialism shared pitfalls too: "It was not rosy for me and my brothers to have these unique names during our school days. We faced a lot of humiliation and flak in our village. But when we reached College, situations changed and we were centres of attention."

While Socialism and Leninism are into trading of anklets and silver ornaments, Communism is a practicing lawyer. Socialism said, "I'm happy that my wife is also having a peculiar name — Mamata Banerjee, named after the present Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress leader. Her parents are Congress supporters and hence named their daughter Mamata Banerjee, who was and still is a firebrand leader. She was with the Congress party before floating the Trinamool Congress."

Minister Somashekar launches mega RT-PCR testing camp in KR Assembly segment

RT-PCR test to be held in 270 booths from 10 am to 5 pm for two days

Mysuru, June 16 (PM&SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar launched a pilot mega RT-PCR testing for residents of Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency at 270 booths in city this morning.

This pilot project has been organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), District Administration and District Health Department.

At a function held at JSS Public School, JP Nagar, the Minister complimented Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas for working out this pilot project aimed at detection of asymptomatic and symptomatic COVID positive cases in the Constituency. He said this scheme will be extended to other Assembly segments depending upon success in Krishnaraja Constituency. Plans are afoot to extend the State Government's ambitious programme 'Vaidyara Nade Halliya Kade' by one more week. This pilot project, which is originally scheduled for only two days, could be extended by another two days, he added.

Explaining details of the pilot project, Ramdas said a free COVID testing has been arranged in 270 polling booths which will be opened for public from 10 am to 5 pm. There are 52,000 houses in this Constituency and the aim was to test as many citizens as possible for early detection and treatment. Sufficient numbers of teams have been posted in all booths to collect the swab.

Swab sample will be sent to those districts which have recorded lowest number of positive cases and deaths, as it will be not possible to test in city laboratories. 900 volunteers have been deployed at all the booths to assist the citizens to register their names for free vaccination drive that will begin from June 21, the MLA added.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham regretted that Mysuru has been included with 10 other districts that were recording the maximum number of COVID positive cases and deaths. The district administration has been making efforts to bring down COVID Positivity Rate (CPR) to below 5 per cent by ramping up RT-PCR testing. The pilot project by MLA Ramdas was helping the district administration to check the spread of COVID-19.

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil, in-Charge Mayor Anwar Baig, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, City BJP President Srivatsa, Corporators Sharadamma Eshwar and Shanthamma Vadivelu, District Health Officer Dr.T. Amarnath, DCP (Crime & Traffic) Geetha Prasanna and others were present.

'Achieve cent percent vaccination in district'

Mysuru, June 16 (SSV)- Mysuru District has been number one in COVID-19 vaccination in the State and District Health Officer has been asked to vaccinate every citizen in the District, said District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking to presspersons after seeking the blessings of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji here yesterday, he wanted the Health Department to achieve 100 percent vaccination as early as possible as free jab for people in the age group of 18 to 44 years will begin from June 21.

The Minister said the State Government's programme *Vaidyara Nade-Halliya Kade* has been useful in the detection of fresh cases of Corona in rural areas. The first stage of house-to-house health survey was over and the second round will be completed during this week. The number of COVID test has increased after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa gave permission for intensifying test to check the spread of pandemic in rural areas, he added.

Somashekar said that no matter whatever may the financial condition of the State, the Government had decided to distribute a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh to the BPL families that have lost its earning member due to COVID-19. The CM should be complimented for taking such a bold step in the current crisis.

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil, MLA L. Nagendra, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman Appanna, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda and others were present.

PU pass issue: HC issues notice to Government

Bengaluru, June 16- Karnataka High Court has questioned the Government notification, with regard to passing of all II PUC students (freshers) based on the marks obtained in first PUC class, but without extending the same benefit to repeaters and private students.

A Division Bench of Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Hanchate Sanjeev Kumar ordered issuing notice to the State Government and other respondents on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by S.V. Singregowda, questioning the Government's notification.

During the hearing, the Bench told orally "How can you have different yardstick for repeaters and private students and fresher students? You don't mind risking the health of private and repeater students, but freshers' health you want to protect, everybody's health should be protected or not? Or tell everybody to take exams?"

Advocate R.P. Somashekhariah, appearing for the petitioner submitted the notification dated June 3, which stated that II PUC students are given the benefit of passing the examinations and these students are yet to take the exams. There are around 7 lakh such students who will be benefiting. However, around 95,000 students who are repeaters or private students will have to take the examination in future. The petition states that the notification is bad in law and discriminates between II PUC students.

Orally, the Court said "Why only the repeaters are to appear for exams. If you are going to conduct exams for these students, around 95,000, then why not do it for fresher students also? It added "You (State) take permission from the Court before conducting examinations."

The plea prays for quashing of the notification dated June 3 and seeking directions to the authorities to modify the notification and give benefit to repeaters and private students on the basis of marks obtained in I PUC.

The bench posted the hearing to Thursday. The State Government is directed to inform the Court about publication of results of II PU students and also inform the Court, why different classes of students have been created.

UG courses for 2021-22 as per National Education Policy

Bengaluru, June 16 (KMS& SSV)- The idea to make CET performance as the criteria for admission to B.Sc. course has been dropped, said Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister, Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Addressing the media after the meeting with the Vice-Chancellors with regard to academic activities here yesterday, he clarified that the idea to make CET marks as the parameter for admission to B.Sc. course has been dropped.

Earlier, it was said, in view of the cancellation of the Second PU examination, the Department of Higher Education had been mulling to make CET marks as the basis for admission to the B.Sc. course.

"Apart from this, matters related to finding ways to accommodate the number of students whose number will be increased for the degree courses, implementation of E-Office software were also discussed", he added.

Start degree courses

The State Varsities have been asked to act towards starting the undergraduate courses from the current academic year, as per National Education Policy. This year, the number of students seeking admission will increase as the 2nd PUC examination is cancelled. If the Universities start 4-year Undergraduate courses, that will help to accommodate more students and it is also an opportunity at the right time for varsities to initiate this, he added.

New software to go on trail from June 25

The Unified University College Management System, a web portal-based software developed by the Department of e-Office has been given permission to go on a trial run from June 25. Keeping in mind the calendar of events, it has been decided to dedicate 'The Unified University College Management System' by July 15 and to facilitate this, the trial will be conducted. The Institutions concerned must be ready by that time, he noted,

The Minister also directed all VCs to do all correspondences with the Government only through 'e-Office' mode and said it has been made mandatory to implement e-Office.

The calendar of academic activities for the next two years has already been set earlier, and Vice-Chancellors have been asked, whether to continue as per the schedule or required any changes.

The Vice-Chancellors have been asked to begin the admission for the first-year degree courses in the first week of October as per the calendar.

Indian Gaur gores Tigress to death in a fight at Bandipur

The carcass of the tigress found near the Bettadakatte safari route yesterday afternoon being cremated.

Bandipur, June 16 (MTY&KS)- An Indian Gaur has gored a Tigress to death at Bandipur tiger Reserve. The Tigress had attacked the Gaur for food.

The fight between the predator (Tiger) and the prey (Indian Gaur) is said to have taken place on the road leading to the hill from Uppuneeru Halla Circle, which is a safari area.

The Tigress is aged about 6 to 8 years and the Gaur had gored it with its long horns. The Tigress, which had suffered serious injuries, had died on the spot.

The incident is said to have taken place two days ago and it came to light late as safari is stopped due to COVID-induced lockdown.

The Forest Department staff, who noticed the carcass of the Tigress lying by the side of the safari route near Bettadakatte yesterday afternoon, informed their higher officials.

In a bid to hunt food, the Tigress may have pounced on the Gaur and during the fight, the Gaur is said to have gored the tigress with its horns near its ribs slicing open a part of its body.

The Gaur is said to have gored the Tigress multiple times, injuring it on its face and body. The Tigress, which suffered serious injuries died on the spot.

Bandipur Project Tiger Director S.R. Natesha, Probationary Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) S. Sumeet Kumar Patil, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) representative and Wildlife Warden Krithika Alanahally, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Muniraj, Wildlife Warden Nanjundaraj Urs, Mangala Gram Panchayat (GP) President Nagaraju and other Forest staff inspected the spot.

Later, Veterinarian Wasim Mirza conducted the post-mortem and the carcass was cremated in front of the officials as per the guidelines.

Mounting death rate

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Fourthly, there is a delay in death reportage by 'Suvarna Aarogya Suraksha Trust' (SAST) and SAST is not reporting the deaths by the fixed deadline. These are patients who have been admitted under SAST scheme (free Government treatment) after COVID-positive confirmation from CT scans.

Though delay in reporting mechanism has been cited as the major reason for increased deaths by Dr. Shivaprasad, it is not explained in his clarification that how the total number of deaths increases in spite of late reportage of death data.

DC clarifies on death rates

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham this morning attributed the increased death rate to the delay in reporting deaths that take place in both private and Government hospitals and ramping up of RT-PCR tests.

Talking to reporters, he said if deaths occur before the confirmation of COVID positivity, then the data is accumulated through triage. Second reason has been late reporting of deaths in private and Government hospitals.

The third reason is that if a COVID positive person dies after discharge then the information is collected through War Room and that process will take time.

The fourth reason is conducting more number of RT-PCR test to detect positive cases.

"If we conduct less tests, the number of deaths will be less. However, when we conduct more tests, naturally the number of deaths will be more," he said.

'Lack of medical staff is the real reason for deaths'

Meanwhile, Founder and Managing Director of Skanray Technologies Vishwaprasad Alva has opined that the increased death rate in Mysuru is due to lack of medical staff, paramedics and absence of a skilled approach in dealing with the pandemic. "Any amount of increase in beds and equipment will not arrest the fatalities. The need of the hour for the District Administration is to have a formal staffing and skill programme for doctors and paramedics," he stated.

The treatment protocols of Government Hospitals and the Private Hospitals are different and this information needs to be shared for learning among medical professionals. "Some smaller hospitals are actually becoming a hot-bed of fatalities as they do not have qualified doctors. Also, there is a mismanagement of cases where mild and moderate cases are converted to severe case," he observed.

The Government must create a Command and Control Centre in Mysuru and bestow powers with the District in-Charge (preferably a local MLA who is available in Mysuru 24x7) and the Deputy Commissioner and conduct independent audits to check on the availability of drugs, doctors and staff and track the progress on a day-to-day basis, he said.

"Innovative cross training of doctors of other specialities to treat COVID patients, addition of volunteers and paramedical staff is critical at this juncture and also in preparation for the potential third wave. Only these measures will make up for the shortfall of professionals," Alva opined.

Obituary

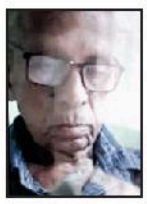
Hazrath Hafiz-o-Qhari Md. Mateenuddin Chishti

Mysuru, June 16- Hazrath Hafiz-o-Qhari Mohammed Mateenuddin Chishti (43), a resident of Rajivnagar (near Gupta Stores), passed away yesterday at a hospital in city.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial tool place at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle this morning.

Ananda Thirtha



Ananda Thirtha (90), a retired Postal Department employee and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away yesterday at his residence following age-related ailments. He leaves behind his wife Geetha Bai, three daughters, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

M. Shivraj

M. Shivraj (44), a teacher at Girls Higher Primary School at Danayakanapura in T. Narasipur taluk and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away in city.

He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city, according to sources.

D.G. Kailasam

Mandya: D.G. Kailasam (92), retired PWD Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) and a resident of Mandya, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru, following brief illness.

He leaves behind five sons including Vijaykumar (Superintending Engineer at Cauvery Neeravari Nigam) and Dr. Bhavanishankar, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Kothanahalli in Maddur taluk today, according to family sources.

COVID hits 4,520 children in Mysuru

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Mild infections

Children with a mild infection were treated in home isolation, recommending symptomatic treatment with paracetamol. However, if the symptoms continued to progress, medical help was sought. Counselling and one-on-one sessions with children treating children is important as children may lack the ability to express and also they may not realise the magnitude of the pandemic per se.

In all, 139 children visited the State-run Cheluvamba Hospital in May this year with symptoms and of them, 51 who had tested positive, were admitted. 88 children were closely monitored in home isolation as they had mild symptoms. "They were not serious and the children recuperated well," Dr. Sudha Rudrappa, Medical Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital told *SOM*.

Six deaths were reported and one among them was a premature baby and an 11-year-old mentally challenged child. At the V.V. Puram Maternity Hospital, there were 170 deliveries and among them, 10 were high-risk deliveries and all the 10 babies had tested positive. But they have recovered well, thanks to the timely care provided by the Hospital. At the Cheluvamba Hospital, there are 100 oxygenated beds, 18 wards, two ventilators, six ICU beds and three warmers to meet emergencies.

Youth and elderly

Data also shows that the maximum people who have been infected since the first wave are between the age group of 31 to 40 years and their number stands at 35,872. They are closely followed by people in the age group of 21 to 30 years and their number stands at 34,944 as on June 12, this year. 4,978 persons in the age group of 71 to 80 years were infected since the first wave till June 12 this year and 1,425 persons above 81 years tested positive during the same period.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains dog's behaviour and how to make friends with dogs

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Can I let my dog share my bed at night?

Letting your dog share your bed might not pose too much of an inconvenience if you would normally sleep alone. However, if you then decide that you no longer want it as your night time companion, getting it out of your bed might prove harder than you think.

How can one at an individual level help street animals?

The first thing is to feed the animals in your area. Make sure they are vaccinated and sterilised, and look after their health needs. You need to keep them safe from poisonous neighbours who will attack you and them.

You can help by directly donating funds to the shelter as a sponsor. Another way is to organise fund-raiser events, like fun runs or walk-a-thons, for your cause. Getting the whole community involved not only helps in reaching the monetary goal but also helps to create awareness for animals in need, that leads to helping more animals in the future. Volunteering in rescue centres is a proactive way to make a huge impact on the animals. Caring for animals is a challenging task and any help would be very much welcome. Talk to these shelters and see if they are accepting volunteers. Even just a couple of hours every week can provide a shelter with the assistance they need.

Donating funds and supplies to animal shelters is also one of the best things you can do for animals in the shelter. Old blankets, toys, and other supplies can greatly help the shelters to save what limited resources they have. Ask your family and friends to participate in a donation drive for the benefit of your local shelter.

Fostering is an effective way to help homeless pets in shelters. By fostering, you help rehabilitate pets and teach them how to live with humans. Elderly and special needs pets need more intensive care due to their condition. The shelters may not be able to provide the care they need in-house, and fostering is a great way to accommodate those special needs. This also helps the shelter because they can channel their limited resources to the animals that need the most care. Even the smallest things can have significant effects on the lives of animals in the shelter. If you are not able to volunteer or foster, you can still help with money. You make a huge impact when you donate to save animals. The funds will be used to buy supplies like food and medicine, and to improve the shelter's facilities.

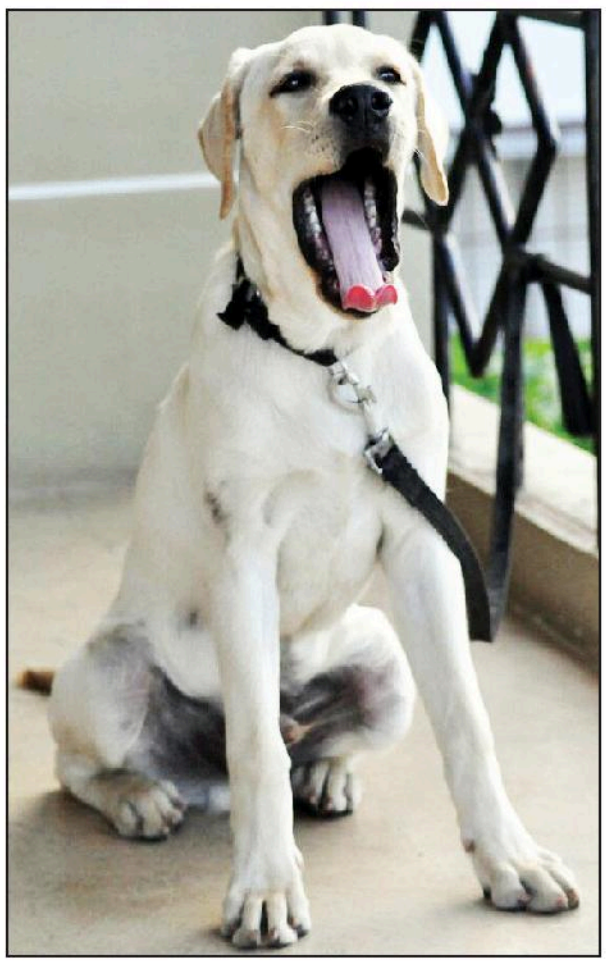
Why do dogs lick people?

Licking is an instinctive behaviour that dogs are born with. Dogs not only lick out of affection, but for variety of reasons, such as taste, communication, reward/ attention, to show submission, enjoyment, investigation and licking helps them release dopamine endorphins that help them calm down.

Do dogs prefer to be alone or with another dog?

As a species they have an instinctive, deeply ingrained compulsion to gather with other members of their own species. However, some dogs prefer the company of human beings instead of other dogs. And while dogs may be pack animals, new research shows that as dogs became more domesticated, they may have bonded more with humans than with other dogs. Your dog and second dog, keep each other company when you're at work, school, or out running errands, so they won't resort to boredom. Bringing a second dog into the family will also reduce your dog's separation anxiety. The dogs will keep each other company while you're away from your home, and give each other the emotional support and attention they need to stay calm, cool, and collected. Plus, they'll have a new playmate.

If the family members are not free, and don't give much time, he will get bored and prefer to have another dog as a friend with whom he can play. But if he is getting proper attention in the house, he will prefer to be alone than to have another dog, because he would feel that the love and attention he is getting will get distributed.



Do dogs really feel sleepy when they yawn?

They could just be tired, but often there's something deeper going on. But the yawn is often used as a calming signal. It may indicate anticipation or stress. Your dog may yawn repeatedly, when it's waiting in the vet's office, as a way of dealing with nervousness. Sometimes dogs yawn in anticipation of something enjoyable, such as a walk as a way of controlling enthusiasm.

Why does my puppy sit on or inside my slippers?

The scent that comes from the slippers/ shoes is your scent and this is very comforting for the dog. When you are not around, your dog might go into your room and lie on your slippers/ shoes as a way to comfort himself while you are gone.

How to comfort your dog when he is afraid?

If the dog comes running to you for comfort, don't hesitate to give her lots of pets and love. If she hides, don't rush to coax her out of its safe place, as that may only increase her anxiety. Instead, maintain a calm, quiet, happy environment for her to emerge into when ready. Here are a few other suggestions for how to comfort a dog depending on the situation.

If your dog is nervous, but you know they're obsessed with playing fetch, try distracting them with the tennis ball. Focusing on something else can help them ignore the stressor. Scent can be a powerful calming agent for nervous pups. Pet your dog, or just sit beside it and let it feel your calming presence.

Physical contact helps lower stress in both humans and dogs. Just be sure to maintain your own calm, positive attitude. Anxiety can sometimes be relieved by physical activity. If your dog has been pacing a lot at home, or acting like they have a lot of pent-up energy, try adding an extra, brisk walk to the daily routine. Sometimes, dogs just need a break in a quiet place. If your dog is over-stimulated, more stimulation may make matters worse. Offer them a quiet room or comfy area to calm down in.

Is it okay for a dog if he is not eating anything for the whole day?

Dogs can go a couple of days without food with no significant bad effects, but loss of appetite can indicate illness. First check the quality of food, if it has been changed. Dogs may lose their appetite if they are ill, have dental disease, recent vaccinations, unfamiliar surroundings, or even behavioural issues. Make sure that he is drinking water. It is normal for a dog to turn one meal every once in a while.

Why do dogs vocalise, chew, defecate and urinate when they are separated from owners?

These are symptoms of separation anxiety. Dogs with separation anxiety generally do not feel comfortable if separated from their owners and may begin to pace, circle, bark, whine, or display other signs of anxiety, as the owner prepares to leave. Distress vocalisation, salivating and destructive behaviour are more common signs of separation anxiety, and one or more are usually seen along with the house soiling.

Why do dogs love looking outside the window?

Same reason as you do: To see the world outside. Most of the dog owners leave their dogs in isolation at home, so this is the only way they can stay interested. Some dogs bark at passing vehicles, animals and humans, probably to get a reaction out of them and possibly to communicate. A few dogs even whine as they try to alert their owners of some unusual happenings.

How to make friends with stray dogs?

By feeding them. Do not go near them until they are ready to make friends, otherwise you will get bitten. They have been hurt, abused and chased so often that your gesture will be seen as aggressive and hostile. So, wait till they make the moves. Until then give them food at the same time and place twice a day.

Look to one side of the dog rather than staring it down. Dogs consider this to be a sign of domination. They interpret it as a kind of challenge, and it can cause the dog to think you want to fight.

Making a soft clicking noise with your tongue, or talking to a stray quietly, will be effective in getting a stray dog's attention. It is imperative that you do not startle or scare a stray dog, as they can become defensive and potentially attack you. Move slowly, remain calm, and use a soothing voice, doing so should keep you from scaring the dog, and thus help keep you safe too.

You might be able to get the dog to come to you by calling to it in a soothing voice and putting out your hand with food in it if it shows interest, such as by wagging its tail. Hold out your hand palm down. This is less threatening to most animals, and also lessens the chances of your fingers being bitten. Allow the animal to finish its examination of your hand, then slowly move your hand to its shoulder. Do not pet its head, as it may scare them or cause them to bite. Remember that many animals have areas that they do not like having touched, so go slowly and allow the animal to tell you whether what you are doing is okay with its reactions.

Why do dogs sniff each other's rear?

Dogs sniff each other's rear as a form of greeting and to obtain vital information from anal secretions: If the dog is aggressive, ill, or if they have met before. That aroma emanating from the anal region is a unique form of canine identification. In addition to chemical communication, dogs smell rear ends as a calming mechanism, which soothes them and serves as a stress reliever.

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CID to probe ManMUL scam

Mandya SP Dr. M. Ashwini flanked by Additional SP V. Dhananjaya and Dy.SP Naveen Kumar during a press meet on Monday.

Mandya, June 16 (MR&DM)- Mandya SP Dr. M. Ashwini said that the investigation into the milk adulteration scam in ManMUL (Mandya Milk Union Limited) has been handed over to CID (Criminal Investigation Department).

Addressing a press meet here on Monday, Dr. Ashwini said that the jurisdictional Maddur Police had registered a case regarding the scam on May 28, following which investigation was taken up under the guidance of Nagamangala Dy.SP.

The Police have arrested a few persons in connection with the case and several vital information have been gathered from them, she said.

Giving details about the scam, she said that *prima facie* it has been found that milk was mixed with equal quantity of water during transportation of milk in tankers from BMC centres to ManMUL at Gejjalagere on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Noting that the scam is a huge one in which several ManMUL officials and staff too may have been involved, Dr. Ashwini said that the case has been handed over to CID for further investigation, following a Government direction.

Additional SP V. Dhananjaya and Dy.SP Naveen Kumar were present at the press meet.

'I won't protect anyone involved in the scam'

Mandya, June 16 (MR&DM)- Taking a dig at the Congress for alleging that his (HDK) close aides were involved in ManMUL milk adulteration scam, JD(S) leader and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) asserted that there was no question of protecting anyone involved in the scam.

HDK

Speaking to press persons after distributing ration kits to villagers at Hanakere in Mandya taluk on Monday, Kumaraswamy said that legal action has to be taken against anyone found looting public money.

Reiterating that there was no question of protecting anyone, including his close aides, if they were found involved in the scam, the former CM said that the Congress was in power when ManMUL Administrative Board came into being.

Accusing the Congress of falsely blaming him when it was the actual culprit and apprehending that the milk adulteration scam may have been taking place for the last 15 years, Kumaraswamy contended that it is the JD(S) members in ManMUL Board who unearthed the scam.

Stating that his party MLC Appajigowda had raised the Rs. 72 crore ManMUL scam in the Assembly a couple of years ago when he (HDK) was the Chief Minister, the JD(S) leader said that he had ordered a probe into the matter. But the current BJP Government has stayed the probe for reasons best known to it, he added.

Reacting to reports that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was getting closer to JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda in order to stay in power at a time when speculations are doing the rounds that the BJP may replace him with a younger leader, Kumaraswamy said that such reports were false and the JD(S) has nothing to do with any developments in the BJP.

Accusing the national parties — Congress and BJP — of misusing the name of the former PM, HDK asserted that his party was not lenient towards any national party and the JD(S) was extending co-operation to the Government in this critical period when the entire nation is battling the deadly COVID-19.

JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, Legislators M. Srinivas, Appajigowda, K.T. Srikantegowda and others were present during the press meet.

Yoga sessions relieve stress among patients

Mysuru, June 16 (RKB&SD)- Vyakthi Vikasana Kendra has organised a ten-day yoga session for Corona-infected inpatients at Mandakalli COVID Care Centre (CCC).

In an effort to boost their morale and improve physical health, Yogasana, Pranayama, Dhyana and Omkara recitation were taught by senior yoga experts Naganandini, G. Anand, Suresh Bharadwaj and Ravi Kumar at the Mandakalli CCC premises every day from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Recuperated patients still are continuing to practice yoga under the guidance of these yoga teachers.

Nearly 180 COVID patients are currently undergoing treatment here at the Centre. District Administration and the public have lauded Vyakthi Vikasana Kendra for its noble efforts.

World Test Championship

BCCI announces squad for final against NZ

New Delhi, June 16- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday announced the 15-member squad for the World Test Championship (WTC) final against New Zealand (NZ).

Mayank Agarwal and K.L. Rahul are notable absentees in the Virat Kohli-led side, while Shardul Thakur also did not make the cut in the bowlers' line-up.

Test regulars like Cheteshwar Pujara, Vice-Captain Ajinkya Rahane and Ravichandran Ashwin have all been picked. All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who did not play the home series against England due to an injury, has also been picked. Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill have been picked as openers, with Mayank and Rahul missing from the squad. Hanuma Vihari is also in the squad, after missing the home Tests against England with injury. Rishabh Pant and Wriddhiman Saha have been picked as wicket-keepers.

In the fast bowling department, India have picked Ishant Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj and Umesh Yadav, with Thakur missing out. Spin bowling all-rounders Washington Sundar and Axar Patel have also missed out.

New Zealand had also announced their 15-member squad for the WTC final earlier in the day. The final will begin on Friday at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton.

India Squad: Virat Kohli (C), Ajinkya Rahane (VC), Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant, Wriddhiman Saha, Ravichandran Ashwin. Ravindra Jadeja. Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Mohammad Shami, Umesh Yadav and Mohammad Siraj.

Winners to get USD 1.6 Million and Test Mace: ICC

New Delhi, June 16- The winner of the upcoming World Test Championship final between India and New Zealand will walk away with prize money of USD 1.6 million along with the Test Championship Mace, the International Cricket Council said on Monday.

India and New Zealand will battle it out for the prestigious title at Southampton on June 18.

"The winners of the much-awaited ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final between India and New Zealand will take home a purse of $ 1.6 million along with the ICC Test Championship Mace," an ICC statement read.

"The losing team will get USD 800,000 for finishing second in the nine-team competition, which was played over a near two-year cycle, adding context to Test cricket and to crown the first official world champions in the longest format of the game."

The Governing Body said that the team finishing third among the nine competition nations will get USD 450,000 cheque, while the prize money for the fourth-placed team will be USD 350,000.

"... the one that finishes fifth gets USD 200,000 while the remaining four teams will get USD 100,000 each," it said.

The inaugural World Test Championships saw nine teams competing over a near two-year cycle to add context to Test cricket.

The team claiming the inaugural World Champions title in the longest format of the game will get the Test Mace, which was previously given to teams topping the ICC Men's Test Team Rankings.

"In case the final ends in a draw or a tie, the finalists will split the prize money for the first and second places and share possession of the Mace during the time they remain champions," the ICC said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Majuscule

Pronunciation: MAJ-uh-skyool.
Meaning: A large letter (such as a capital).
Origin: Majuscule looks like the complement to minuscule, and the resemblance is no coincidence. Minuscule appeared in the early 18th century as a word for a lowercase letter, then later as the word for certain ancient and medieval writing styles which had "small forms." Minuscule then acquired a more general adjectival use for anything very small. Majuscule is the counterpart to minuscule when it comes to letters, but it never developed a broader sense (despite the fact that its Latin ancestor majusculus has the broad meaning "rather large"). The adjective majuscule also exists, as does its synonym majuscular. Not surprisingly, the adjectives share the noun's specificity, referring only to large letters or to a style using such letters. Example: "At least the random emphatic majuscules on blogs are uncommon enough to make a rhetorical impression, though perhaps one not quite worthy of Serious Journalism." —Katy Waldman, Slate, 25 Aug. 2016.

THE ODD WORD

Macarism

A beatitude; taking pleasure in another's joy.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Mad as a hatter

Meaning: Completely mad. This is now commonly understood to mean crazy, although the original meaning is unclear and may have meant annoyed.
Origin: Mad hatters existed before Lewis Carroll put one into Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, but no one is sure how this 19th century expression originated. Mercury used to be used in the making of hats. This was known to have affected the nervous systems of hatters, causing them to tremble and appear insane. A neurotoxicologist correspondent informs me that "Mercury exposure can cause aggressiveness, mood swings, and anti-social behaviour.", so that derivation is certainly plausible - although there's only that circumstantial evidence to support it. The use of mercury compounds in 19th century hat making and the resulting effects are well-established - mercury poisoning is still known today as 'Mad Hatter's disease'. That could be enough to convince us that this is the source of the phrase. The circumstantial evidence is rather against the millinery origin though and, beyond the fact that hatters often suffered trembling fits, there's little to link hat making to the coining of 'as mad as a hatter'.

QUOTE BOX

It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.

—Herman Melville

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOPE

Answer: Full of hope.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Irritation in skin
5 Walks through shallow water?
10 Trap
13 Rhone River feeder
14 Relating to earthquakes
15 Counterfeit
16 Common name for potassium nitrate
18 Previous to
19 Diameter, in short?
20 Exchange or barter
24 Forty winks
27 Indian flat bread
29 Help or go to the aid of
32 Small sea-creature
33 State of rest
35 Author Rand
36 Went on horseback
37 In short, influenza
39 Compass point
42 Complain (slang)
45 Hindu ascetic
49 Inflame with love
50 Oracles
51 Spanish capital punishment by strangulation?
52 Peak
53 Coastal birds

DOWN

1 Short for 'this month'
2 Pack down firmly
3 Wept
4 Frenzied
5 The better half
6 Kyushu mountain
7 Munich the
8 Joule fraction
9 ____ about : attend to?
10 To be (Latin)
11 ___ -sighted : same thing as short-sighted?
12 Gagged or muffled
17 Cheering words
20 Lively and active
21 Dado, wooden panelling on room wall
22 Automated Teller Mach.
23 Small seed
25 Area of ground
26 All the money bet at a single time
28 A cry of joy, it's said
29 Schoolmaster's title
30 Popular card game
31 Of common occurrence
34 Claim or assert
38 Pertaining to the bone in the forearm
40 Closed
41 Used to be
42 Arrest (slang)
43 Rambling story
44 Minor prophet of the Biblical times - " so ma" anagram?
45 Tenth standard examinations
46 Ireland's ___ Lingus
47 Scottish river
48 Hours in short ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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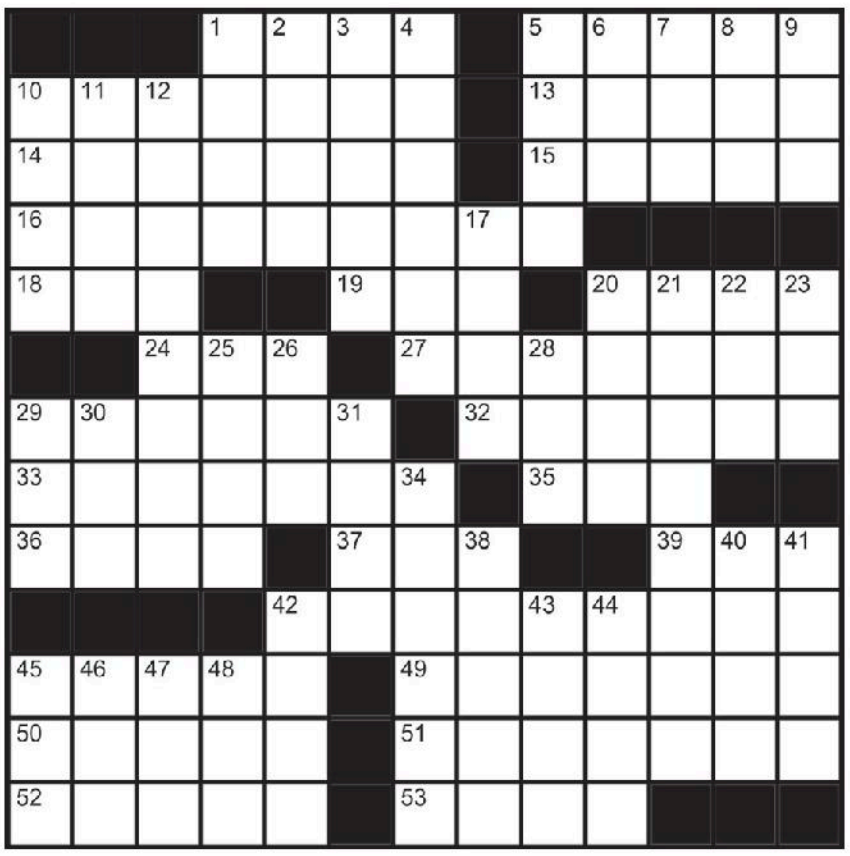

SUDOKU

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			8			5	2	
	1		3			2	9	
			1					
7					9		5	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	2	6	5	8	9	1	4
6	1	5	9	7	4	8	2	3
9	4	8	1	2	3	6	7	5
4	6	3	8	1	9	7	5	2
5	7	1	4	6	2	3	9	8
2	8	9	5	3	7	1	4	6
8	9	7	2	4	6	5	3	1
3	5	4	7	8	1	2	6	9
1	2	6	3	9	5	4	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OBMGNTQGMZ MA YQMXV OYHQ GR ZRSXG SI GR

GFQXGL FMGNRSG GOUMXV RCC LRSB ANRQA.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Love isn't a decision. It's a feeling. If we could decide who we loved, it would be much simpler, but much less magical.

Felicitation to blood donors marks World Blood Donor Day

Mysuru, June 16 (RKB&SD) - On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, Jeevadhara Blood Bank felicitated blood donors who have donated blood on multiple occasions. The felicitation was held at a programme organised at Jeevadhara Blood Bank on Sayyaji Rao Road in city on Monday. Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda felicitated blood donors Girish, who has donated 75 times, Mahadev- 60 times, Yogish-55 times, Shivakumar-32 times, Vinay-30 times, Srinidhi Vadiraj-30 times, Geetha Lalitha Nayak-30 times and Shivakumar-30 times.

Speaking after felicitating the blood donors, Hemanth Kumar Gowda said, "During this lockdown period, blood banks are facing severe scarcity of blood of up to 30 percent. Everyone must know the importance of blood donation. I would request everyone, youths in particular to come forward to donate blood and save lives." Chamarajanagar Circle ACB Inspector Kiran also addressed the gathering. Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, Muthanna, Corporator Nagaraju, Parisara Jagruthi Vedike President Mahendra Singh Kalappa, Devendra of RGS Group and others were present.

Helping hands

Mysuru District Pandal Owners Association distributed grocery kits to Pourakarmikas, and the shelterless at Kalidasa Circle and Dufferin Clock Tower in city recently. Association City President Shivakumar, Secretary Yoganna, Wasim, Anil, Nagaraj, Mansoor, Organising Secretary Rohit and others were present.

Halenaadu Karnataka Smartha Brahmana Sangha distributed grocery kits to its members at Shantinikethan Bhavan at Krishnamurthypuram here recently. Sangha President Vasanth, Directors Suresh Mullur, Dinamanirao and others were present.

Grocery kits distributed to journalists

Mysuru, June 16 (KS) - Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) yesterday distributed about 500 grocery kits to its members which were donated by District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking on the occasion, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar thanked the Minister for his kind gesture and also thanked all the donors who had contributed their might for the safety of journalists during this current pandemic.

Ravikumar further said that the Minister has assured of helping the journalist during difficult times in future also.

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) Vice-President M.S. Basavanna, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Treasurer Nagesh Panathale, City Secretary P. Rangaswamy, Executive Committee Members Machamma Mallige, Beeresh, Suresh and others were present.

City-based Datta Sena distributed daily essentials to the needy at Krishnamurthypuram extension yesterday. Datta Sena leader Sathyanarayan, Venkatesh, Gadhadar, Vijay, Somashekar, Rajagopal and Ravindra were present.

K.V. Chennaiah Trust distributed about 300 grocery kits to Anganwadi and ASHA workers, Pourakarmikas, hospital staff, journalists and needy people at K.R. Sagar recently. The kits were distributed by Dr. Sowmya of K.R. Sagar Primary Health Centre. M.R. Dinesh, Narayana, K.V. Ramu, Gram Panchayat members K. Raju, Devaraju and Jayanthi, former Gram Panchayat member K.V. Chennakeshava, Ravi, Nagaraju, Sridhar and others were present.

Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Fr. K.A. William distributed grocery kits to over 100 poor families at St. Mary's PU College premises at Martalli recently. Organisation for the Development of People (ODP) Director Fr. Alex Prashanth, Fr. Christopher, ODP Zonal Convenor Lilly Mary, teachers Albert James, Robert and others were present.

Ellora and Ajanta Caves among historical monuments to be reopened from today

Aurangabad, June 16 (UNI)- World-renowned tourist places, including Ellora and Ajanta caves in this district, will be thrown open to the public from Wednesday, an official statement said here.

In a joint notification issued late last night, District Collector Sunil Chavan and Aurangabad City Police Commissioner Dr. Nikhil Gupta stated that with the permission of the Archaeological Department, these sites will be reopened in strict compliance with COVID protocols.

The sites include Ellora, Ajanta Caves, Daulatabad Fort, Bibi Ka Makbara Tomb and Aurangabad Caves.

On June 16, all the places will be cleaned and security arrangements made. While from June 17 onwards tourist will be allow to visit under COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) compulsion, including wearing masks, social distancing and sanitiser.

In the morning, a total of 1,000 tourist will be allowed and in second session also 1,000 tourist can visit,the notification added.

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